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1. The Halle branch of DHZ-Rubber (Zentralniederlassung DHZ-Gummi) is located at Guterbahnhof 5.[1] It employs about 120 officials and warehouse workers. The establishment supplies raw materials necessary for the production of rubber, asbestos, and plastic goods to government-owned and privately owned enterprises in East Germany. 25X1

2. Private enterprises are shipped materials at a 15 percent markup. Government-owned enterprises receive shipments directly from the enterprises producing the raw materials.

3. The Halle branch makes contracts with the various enterprises independently. The annual turnover of materials amounts to approximately 80 million DME.

4. The capacity of the various East German enterprises producing raw materials in this field is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of East Germany. Shortages of materials occur constantly in all sections of this part of East German industry.

1. [redacted] Comment: The 1952 Halle telephone directory lists Deutsche Handelszentrale Chemie, Abteilung Gummi/Asbest, C 2 Lindenstrasse 46. 25X1

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